(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI RAO INDERJIT SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Applicability of ID Act, 1947 to SBC, Visakhapatnam

1716. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ship Building Centre (SBC), Visakhapatnam has been exempted from applicability of Industrial Disputes Act, 1947;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the present system of dispute settlement?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) Information can not be divulged in the interest of National Security.

Withdrawal of army from J&K

†1717. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Army is being withdrawn from some places of Baramula and Kupwara sectors of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Army officers are opposing the move of pulling out the Army?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY): (a) to (c) An Expert Panel has been constituted by the Government to determine whether there is a need to relocate and reconfigure the existing security forces, keeping in mind the security needs of the State. The report of the Committee is likely to be submitted shortly.

BRO proposal for road and helipad in Uttarakhand

1718. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Border Roads Organization has submitted a proposal to the Uttarakhand Government for acquisition of about 181.3 hectares of land for building 75.5 kilometer road and helipads for the Mansarovar Yatra between Ghatiabagarh and Lipulekh Pass;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the road will be built in two phases and is likely to be completed in 2011; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.